

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:09p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell (Absent), Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Kyrthlyn Rhoda, Grants Manager, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Chief Operating Officer

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Council President Yeargin

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the agenda. The motion carried and was approved by the Council.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Wendy Irminger and Fred Shaffer, PAMC Grant for MLK Streetscape

- Mr. Shaffer stated that the Streetscape for Martin Luther King Jr., Hwy and ideas will build upon the Seat Pleasant Master Plan and the subregion 4 Plan.
- Ms. Irminger stated that she is working with the City of Seat Pleasant on a healthy food grant and they are developing an APP to work with Central High School. They will be out in the community uploading the data in the app. They are encouraging more fresh foods to develop a healthy lifestyle.
- Mr. Shaffer stated the project is directly connected with the healthy lifestyle to encourage individuals to walk and bike to work and/or school. We are looking at MD704 and 30% design to accommodate bicycle and pedestrians. The state had recently completed restriping and reducing the lanes on

MD704. We are building upon the reconstruction by improving the sidewalks and make the right-of-way safer for pedestrians crossing.

- There's a letter called the joint signature letter that recognizes the importance to improving the safety on MD704.
- Mayor Grant requested clarity on the priority because the MD704 improvements is not the city's priority.
- Mayor Grant stated that we will need to have extension conversation regarding the project. We have the bike lanes, which was included in the initial project of 5.3 Million Dollars invested on MD704.
- Mr. Shaffer stated that the bike lanes that was done by the state was the first step.
- Mr. Shaffer stated that the PAMC project was initiated in July 2018 with meetings held November and the next meeting is scheduled for April.
- The consultants are looking at available space in the right-of-way and utilities underground and the poles. They are reviewing the previous project by SHA. They looked at buffeted bike lanes and the side walk.
- Mr. Shaffer showed the City Council the three options on the slide, which is Buffeted Bike Lanes, Cycle Track, which is like a bike lane, but a curb that separates lanes. The Cycle Track will be on the north side and bi-directional and the example is the Anacostia River Walk trail. The next options are the parking option the on-street parking is from 65th Avenue to Booker Dr. We can ask the consultant to work it on one side of the road.
- Mr. Shaffer stated that the South side of the street will be your normal sidewalk, but the North side of the street sidewalk will be pedestrian friendly. The designs were developed by engineers and Ms. Irminger and I are not engineers. We will be certain to have all your questions answered by the engineers.
- Mr. Shaffer stated that once the plans are completed, we will be looking at funding opportunities.
- Councilmember Yeargin inquired of the 30% bike lanes meaning is it budgeted or completed in accordance to the plans.
- Mr. Shaffer stated that it is in one step of the design process, but it is the first step you need to make all the decisions.
- Councilmember Yeargin stated that the bicycle lane should be colored to indicate to the drivers that this lane is not drivable.
- Councilmember Yeargin inquired of the meeting dates in January and February. He would like for the City Council or someone from the Government to be present at the meetings.

telephone coverage area, social services and economic development in Seat Pleasant to assist business to qualify for tax incentives.

- Mayor Grant stated that we are in annexation negotiations mode and the first questions that is asked is the tax incentives.
- Mayor Grant stated that we need to encourage our residence to participate in the census count.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Federal Government Shut-down has an impact on the City Hall and Public Work Renovation, which will delay our project. They must approve the spending of the project. The shut-down can impact crime in the City of Seat Pleasant and surrounding areas.
- Mayor Grant stated that the managing members of Southern Avenue Liquors is withdrawing their application to transfer to the Addison Plaza Shopping Center.
- Mayor Grant stated that we cannot say what type of stores that can come into the City. However, we can put in legislation to address the concerns of stores we do not want within our community.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Smart City Workforce development program will begin in Summer of 2019.

3.2. Chief Operating Officer

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the property located at 6211 Foote Street renovation are complete and the City received a contract on 6003 Seat Pleasant Dr for \$317,000. The Economic Development Department received a grant for \$200,000 for the renovation of the properties. The department secured thirteen (13) grants in this Fiscal Year with twelve (12) more grants in the pipeline.
- The Finance Department received \$425,000 in the month of December.
- Mrs. Barber, Operations Manager and I attended the LGIT workshop and the city was awarded the Risk Management Service Award.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the city had reduced the vacant properties to twenty-five (25). her report provides the City Council with an update on meeting the department heads regarding the strategic plan. She will be meeting with DPW and Economic Development for a status update.
- The Police Department met the criteria of decreasing the crime, the increase of the finances was not met due to the \$600,000 being transferred to the Economic Development Dept.
- The Public Engagement has increased the events within the city from 11 events to 46 which is increase by 70%.

- The City Clerk stated that it is challenge with scanning the documents of the years for the City and she will be requesting additional staffing in the next budget.
- Councilmember Sistrunk has requested Ms. Plater to schedule a meeting with the Finance and Budget Committee to provide the cost of staff attending the events.

3.3. City Council Committee Reports

- Councilmember McCarthy stated that the Public Safety committee met on November 19, 2018 and they reviewed four sections of the code. The committee and staff will meet to conduct research and to meet with the City attorney. The NCC has been moved to Economic Development and the job description was provided to the committee. The committee will be reviewing the code as it pertains to Public Safety.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Charter Amendment Resolution-CA-19-01 Youth Council. Charter Amendment Resolution was introduced by the City Council and read by the Council Clerk Diamond Plater on Monday, January 7, 2019. The City Council recommended that the Charter Amendment be revised to a resolution and the Youth Council Resolution be written as an Advisory Board. The item was tabled and sent back to the Government Affairs & Technology Committee for review. It was agreed that Councilmember McCarthy will submit changes to the committee.

4.2. Emergency Ordinance O-19-03 Establishment of Standards for Small Wireless Facilities in the Rights-of-Way. Attorney DeLoach stated that the law needs to be on the books by January 14, 2019. We have engaged a law firm to represent the City with regards to suit against FCC. The ordinance allows the city to place some restrictions as to the type of small cells infrastructure devices can be installed in the city. Attorney DeLoach stated that he had reviewed the proposed legislation from AT&T and Verizon back in July that was not favorable to the City. They were supposed to review his recommendations and respond to him. They never responded as they were aware of the FCC ruling that would be in favorable to them. It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve Emergency Ordinance O-19-03. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

4.3. Ordinance O-19-04 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for City Expenditures 1st Reading. Ordinance O-19-04 was introduced by the City Council and read by the Council Clerk on Monday, January 7, 2019.

4.4. Ordinance O-19-05 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for Community Legacy Funding for Seat Pleasant Vacant Home 1st Reading.
Ordinance O-19-05 was introduced by the City Council and read by the Council Clerk on Monday, January 7, 2019.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. City Council Retreat for FY2019

- Council President Yeargin stated that he would work with the Council Clerk to submit information to the City Council.
- Councilmember McCarthy stated we should have a legislative aide to assist with Charter changes.
- Mayor Grant recommended that the City Council work with University of Maryland Government class to assist with Charter Amendment.
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6.2. Strategic Plan for FY2019-2020

- Mayor Grant stated that the Strategic Outcomes cannot take effect until FY2020 because it is too late because the Proposed Budget is due to the City Council on April 1, 2019.
- Councilmember McCarthy inquired if the staff will be in attendance for the Strategic Plan meeting.
- Councilmember McCarthy stated that we should meet with residents and have a townhall meeting first before going over strategic outcomes once we receive the date. The Mayor, Council and staff will meet to prepare strategic outcomes.
- Councilmember McCarthy inquired if the money for the strategic plan be included in the next budget? Mayor Grant stated that the strategic plan will be included in the Proposed FY2020 Budget.

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. Maryland General Assembly Reconvenes, Wednesday, January 10, 2019 at 12:00p.m., Annapolis, MD

7.2. Public Session, Monday, January 14, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:00p.m.


7.3. Vision Board Party, Saturday, January 19, 2019, Seat Pleasant Fire Company, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00pm

7.4. State of the City Address, Monday, January 28, 2019, Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:30pm

7.5. Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, January 14, 2019, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

ADJOURN-The meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED 04/08/19